



COMMISSIONERS: Gray O. Thornburg, *Mayor* • James V. Hunt, Sr., *Vice Mayor* • Cathy Altenbern, Stephen Rick, Ed Freeman, Beth Reardon, City Manager/Treasurer • Tim Eads, Chief of Police • Linda Berner, City Recorder

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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE

December 2010

*Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year
From the Staff at Belle Meade City Hall!*



Newly Elected Commissioners Take Office:

First-term commissioners Steve Rick and Ed Freeman, along with re-elected commissioner Gray Thornburg, were sworn into office at the November 17 board meeting. The five commissioners then nominated and approved Gray Thornburg as Mayor and Jim Hunt as Vice-Mayor for the next two years.



L to R: Ed Freeman, Jim Hunt, Gray Thornburg, Steve Rick, Cathy Altenbern

RECAP OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the November 17, 2010 meeting:

- Awarded the 2010 Street Striping Project to Kerr Brothers & Associates, Inc., with the low bid of \$79,996.40.
- Approved the proposal from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. to prepare the Notice Of Intent for new Phase II NPDES MS4 Permit, regarding stormwater regulations.
- Extended the Street Maintenance Contract with Gibbs Brothers Construction, Inc., for one additional year at the current contract pricing for labor, equipment & materials.
- Approved the purchase of a new police patrol bicycle from Volcanic Manufacturing LLC at a price of \$2,034.94, plus uniform expense of approximately \$300.
- Approved the purchase of 16 water rescue kits for the police department from Galls Inc., for a total cost of \$1,919.84, half of which will be reimbursed by a safety grant.
- Approved the purchase of police radios for the two public works vehicles from Wireless Plus, for a total cost of \$2,920.
- Passed on first reading, proposed Ordinance 2010-8, which amends the zoning code to expand the Board of Zoning Appeals ability to grant "conditional uses" within the City of Belle Meade. The ordinance will now go to the Municipal Planning Commission for review and recommendation at their December 21st meeting.

From the Police Department:

Happy Holidays to everyone from all of us! Thank you to all that have called to report on the solicitors. While there are still some groups in the area, we believe we have been able to discourage a large number from coming back without first obtaining a permit.

Please remember to inspect all Christmas lights and keep live trees watered to prevent fire. Keep up the good practice of locking your vehicles and keep valuables hidden or in the trunk while shopping. Our vehicle burglaries are down since the arrest of the individual that was responsible for several burglaries here in Belle Meade and the surrounding Metro area. Also, there was a report of a man in a gray Dodge truck with a blue light that stopped a person on Harding Road in front of Kroger. When the person asked to see his police identification, he fled the scene. Our officers assisted Metro Police in the search for the man, but he was not located. Metro Police are investigating this case and at this point it seems to be an isolated incident, but please make family members, especially young drivers, aware of this.

The Police Department will soon start back with our door-to-door safety surveys in the community. We hope you will take the time to participate in the survey, since it provides us with important information for our use, including email addresses for newsletter and public safety announcements. The survey work was temporarily suspended due to the May flood and rigorous off-duty work schedule during the water main replacement project, but we are now ready to get started again. At this point, we have surveyed over half the residents in the city.

Be Safe,
Chief Tim Eads

From Public Works Department:



A LESSON IN DUMPSTER ETIQUETTE

Really? Dumpster Etiquette in Belle Meade? Seriously, there are rules for using those valued and cherished dumpsters behind city hall. The holidays bring much joy, along with a lot of trash... Here are some tips for using the dumpsters responsibly and ensuring their continuity:

- **PLEASE** use the dumpsters for household trash that does not fit in your trash cans that are emptied twice a week by the waste contractor. There are signs posted on the gates to the dumpsters which clearly indicate what is prohibited.
- **DO** flatten all cardboard boxes and put all loose Styrofoam packing in bags so it doesn't fly everywhere and litter the city hall and neighboring properties.
- **DO NOT** put trash items on the ground next to the dumpsters. If it is too big to fit inside the dumpster or too heavy to lift – then you need to take it back home and dispose of it elsewhere.
- **DO NOT** put yard waste or bagged leaves in the dumpsters. Put these items out at the curb for the brush and chipper contractor to pick up on the weekly schedule.
- **DO NOT** use the dumpsters to dispose of construction debris. Your contractor is responsible for hauling off that debris and disposing of it properly.
- Some other items **NOT ALLOWED** in the dumpsters: Paint, chemicals, appliances, TV's, computers, mattresses, and large pieces of furniture.

The City will be installing surveillance cameras soon on the exterior of city hall and the maintenance garage for safety reasons and to assist in monitoring the acceptable use of the dumpsters. The dumpsters are a great asset to the residents, but continued abuse of them may result in their removal.

Incidentally, the dumpsters are for the use of Belle Meade residents only. As a matter of fact, it's the law. Please do not tell your dear friends and relatives who live elsewhere to come and fill them up. YOUR tax dollars pay for them.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2011

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL,
4705 HARDING ROAD

Municipal Planning Commission
Tuesday, January 18th at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Tuesday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, January 19th at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

NOTE: Both Clean Earth (brush & chipper) and PDQ Disposal reported that there will be no change in the pick-up schedule for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The routes will run as normal.

From the Codes Department:

Baby, it's cold outside... the words of that popular song are certainly appropriate this time of year, and with the cold weather brings a desire to turn up the heat. Make sure your central heating units have been serviced and are in good running condition, combustibles are a safe distance away from the fireplace, and no paper or window curtains are near any space heaters. Chimneys and vents that have set unused since last winter should be cleaned. Patio heaters and fire bowls are lovely to look at, but they too can be dangerous if left unattended after lighting. Make sure you have put the fire out when you're finished enjoying their warmth and charm. Many house fires occur this time of year when it is cold outside, so please be careful.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES DONATION DRIVE



Please make a note that Goodwill will have a truck at the Belle Meade City Hall parking lot on Saturday, December 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All donations of usable clothing and household goods are greatly appreciated.